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Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund 2-5-92

The object of the fund is to provide financial assistance for families whose children have experienced an illness or condition which is not otherwise covered by an insurance carrier or any State or Federal program, and in which the medical expenses are extraordinarily high. Through the help of the fund, the integrity of the family and the family's ability to cope with the burden of a significant health problem in a child are preserved.

Health Services 2-5-92

The following services will be considered for payment or reimbursement, if found reasonable:

- primary care
- specialized pediatric ambulatory care, including physician authorized rehabilitative therapies, i.e. speech, occupational and physical
- care in acute or specialized hospitals
- physicians in all settings
- home health care
- pharmaceuticals
- disposable medical supplies
- durable medical equipment
- family medical transportation, including travel related expenses, e.g. tolls, parking receipts, temporary shelter, telephone calls
- health insurance premiums

- mental health services
- services for problems of substance abuse
- services for treatment of addictive disorders
- home modification
- specialized, modified vehicle
- experimental medical treatment/experimental drugs recognized by Federal and State agencies or licensed health care providers. Applications involving experimental treatment may require additional review.

Special education and elective cosmetic surgery are not eligible services for reimbursement.

Eligibility Requirements 2-5-92

The requirements for eligibility are as follows:

1. The child is age 18 or under.
2. The child's parents or legal guardian have been residents of New Jersey for at least six months prior to the date of application to the fund.
3. Migrant workers are eligible. Seasonal workers are not. Any questions concerning eligibility should be referred to the Director of the fund.
4. For a family with an income of \$100,000 or less, their uncovered medical expenses must exceed 30% of the family's income.
5. For a family with an income over \$100,000, their uncovered medical expenses must exceed 40% of the family's income.
6. Expenses and income are measured by any 12 consecutive month period preceding the initial application to the fund.
7. Initial applications to the fund may include expenses dating back to January, 1988.

Administration of the Fund 12-16-91

The fund is administered by the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission which is in, but not of, the Department of Health. The Commissioner of Human Services or a designee of the program works in cooperation with the Special Child Health Services Program. Once an application is obtained, families may receive assistance from the SCHS Case Management Unit in each county in completing an application. Initial requests for applications or information should be directed to:

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